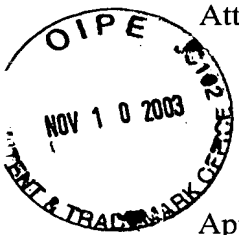


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ATTACHMENTS

Attached hereto is a Supplemental Declaration of Michael K. Hartzler, Ph.D., an inventor of the above-referenced application, filed under 37 CFR 1.131 and 1.132.

Attached hereto is the Declaration of Patrick J. Gaffney as one skilled in the art to which the claimed invention pertains, filed under 37 CFR 1.132.

REMARKS

The withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §101 is noted with appreciation. Claims 1-4, 7-10 and 13 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as anticipated by or, in the